

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP AMENDMENT</b>
Shinji Ishida et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3767
Application No.: 10/562,829	)	Examiner: Bradley James Osinski
Filed: December 29, 2005	)	Confirmation No.: 6473
For: TUBE CLAMP APPARATUS AND	)	
TUBE CONNECTING APPARATUS	)	

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2010, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows: